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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TOCHISHITA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1762

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Examiner: **Timothy H. Meeks**

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For. **SURFACE-TREATING SUPPORT MEMBER, SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER,
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 9, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 for three months from December 9, 2003 to March 9, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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